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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 335 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/581,040
Filing Date	September 11, 2000
First Named Inventor	Willy DE MEYER
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Norca Liz Torres Velazquez
Attorney Docket Number	31068-2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 15865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) **required**.)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

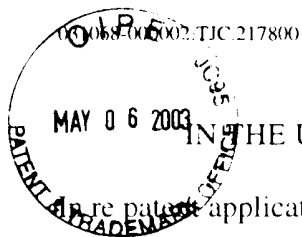
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	April 30, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

Signature	Troy J. Cole	Date	April 30, 2003
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

is re patent application of:

Willy DE MEYER et al.

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TEXTILE REINFORCING LAYER FOR
FLEXIBLE HOSES, TUBES AND
SIMILAR EXTENDED OBJECTS

)
) Before the Examiner

) Norca Liz Torres Velazquez

) Group Art Unit 1771

) April 30, 2003

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2002, please amend
the above-identification application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 31-41.

Please add new claims 42-45 as follows:

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with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an
envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O.
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